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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 09/771,664

Group Art Unit: 2633

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For: METHOD FOR TRAFFIC PROTECTION IN WDM FIBER OPTIC TRANSPORT NETWORKS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of April 21, 2005 to August 21, 2005.

A check for the statutory fee of \$120.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

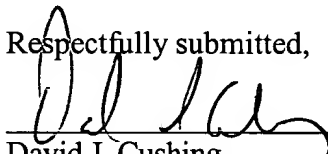
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